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EUR/SE DIRECTOR EWING CALLED ON MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS TZOUNIS SEPTEMBER 8, ACCOMPANIED BY BARBIS, AND BRIEFED HIM ON THE NIMETZ VISIT TO CYPRUS ALONG THE LINES OF REFTEL (EXCEPT THAT HE MADE NO MENTION OF THE SEPTEMBER 11 FOUR-POWER MEETING IN LONDON). TZOUNIS EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE BRIEFING. HE INDICATED THAT DURING HIS STOPOVER HERE LAST TUESDAY ENROUTE TO PRAGUE, CYPRUS FOREIGN MINISTER ROLANDIS HAD MET WITH ACTING GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER AVEROFF (AND WE PRESUME ALSO BRIEFED HIM ON THE TALKS). AVEROFF STRESSED TO ROLANDIS, ACCORDING CONFIDENTIAL

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TO TZOUNIS, THAT IT IS UP TO THE GOC TO MAKE THE NECESSARY DECISIONS CONCERNING CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS. TZOUNIS INDICATED AGAIN THAT THE GOG DOES NOT CONSIDER GOC RECOURSE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE BUT RECOGNIZES THAT THE GOC MAY HAVE TO FOLLOW THIS COURSE IF THERE IS NO MOVEMENT ON THE NEGOTIATING TRACK. MCCLOSKEY

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